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1. Activities of Soviet troops quartered in the northern section of the Delius Kaserne in Potsdam (N 53/2 63) between 19 July and 25 July 1951 were described as follows:

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Date	Recruits	Trained personnel	Entire unit
19 July 25X1	About 100 men drilled with 8 x 76.2-mm AT guns from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Personnel of four batteries drilled with 8 x 122-mm and 8 x 152-mm guns from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. while the personnel of four other batteries engaged in fatigue duty.	
20 July	About 80 recruits practiced driving with caterpillar tractors, while the rest of the recruits drilled with 76.2-mm AT guns from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	The personnel of four batteries practiced with 8 x 122-mm and 4 x 152-mm guns, while the personnel of three other batteries engaged in fatigue duty and still another battery was engaged in guard drill from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Cleaning of guns and vehicles by the personnel of four batteries and physical exercise by the personnel of four other batteries until 3 p.m. Motion picture performance at 5 p.m.
23 July	Instruction from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Individual training with rifles and submachine guns from 1 to 3 p.m.	Aiming and loading practice with 16 x 122-mm and 16 x 152-mm guns by the personnel of eight batteries from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cleaning of guns from 1 to 3 p.m.	Political indoctrination at 5 p.m.

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Date	Recruits	Trained personnel	Entire unit
24 July	About 200 recruits drilled with 8 x 122-mm guns and 4 x 152-mm guns from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cleaning of guns from 1 to 3 p.m.	Cleaning of guns and vehicles from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Physical exercise from 1 to 3 p.m.	Motion picture performance at 5 p.m.
25 July	About 100 recruits drilled with 8 x 76.2-mm AT guns, while about 80 recruits received instruction on motor vehicles in the classroom from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cleaning of guns from 1 to 3 p.m.	About 900 men marched to the athletic field in the Kriegsschule to attend a soccer game	

A fireman at the installation, who was ordered not to leave the basement on 19 July, continually heard the shouting of orders from the yard on that day. Since the troops did not leave for training that day, [] an inspection or alert practice had been conducted. (1) Since 20 July, the roof of a gutted shed on the east side of the installation has been constantly occupied by a sentry who was equipped with a telephone and field glasses and was ordered to report all approaching aircraft to the radio station in the small clubhouse. (2)

- 25X1 2. Heavy traffic of trucks [] was observed in the southern section of the Delius Kaserne on 20 July. The trucks were loaded with billeting equipment and machinery and were driven by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. A German worker, who previously worked with these troops at Wildpark, asked the soldiers whether the units had arrived yet at the installation and, upon a negative answer, concluded that the units must still be at the Altengrabow troop training grounds. (3)
- 25X1 3. The transfer of the remaining personnel of the artillery units from Potsdam-Wildpark-West to the southern section of the Delius Kaserne began on 20 July and was not yet completed by 25 July. In detail, the following observations were made:
 20 and 21 July. Hauling of billeting equipment and scaffolding.
 23 July. Unloading of wardrobes at the garages in the Delius Kaserne.
 24 July. Hauling of gasoline barrels and chairs to the Delius Kaserne by two caterpillar tractors with three trailers each.
 25 July. Hauling of furniture from officers' billets to the Delius Kaserne by trucks [] Loading of further trucks and trailers with billeting equipment at the barracks installation in Wildpark - West. The fuel dump at the southeast side of the installation was about 80 percent emptied of fuel stocks. (3)
- 25X1 4. Prior to 25 July, the northern section of the Delius Kaserne still quartered about 700 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery and signal insignia. The troops were engaged in telephone training, physical exercise, gun drill and fatigue duty. Trucks [] were identified in traffic at the barracks installation. (2)
- 25X1 5. On 24 July, it was learned that the low wooden barracks buildings in the

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woods along the north shore of Jungfern lake were disassembled and hauled away. (4)

6. On 25 July, the Ludendorff Kaserne was still occupied about 800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. (5)

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7. On 24 July, an undetermined number of troops at the Hohenlohe Kaserne practiced with 10 x 37-mm AA guns, while 15 groups of 10 unarmed soldiers each were drilling in the yard. Trucks [redacted] were parked in front of the installation [redacted] (5)

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8. On 23 July, only a small administrative unit of undetermined strength was quartered in the Ruinenberg Kaserne. Truck [redacted] was parked in front of the main gate. Sedan [redacted] entered the installation through the gate on Schlegelstrasse. (6)

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9. Prior to 23 July, the northern section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 600 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. Trucks [redacted] were seen entering or leaving the installation. (2)

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10. On 23 July, the Hohenlohe Kaserne quartered troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Since the view into the installation is blocked, an estimation of the unit's strength was impossible. However, it seemed as if the installation was not occupied to capacity. On 21 July, about 100 soldiers practiced marching in the barracks yard. Trucks [redacted] were parked in front of the barracks gate on 23 July. (5)

11. On 24 July, the Ludendorff Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 700 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Four 37-mm AA guns, coupled to trucks, stood in the yard. (5)

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12. Carrying field equipment, the complement of the northern section of the Delius Kaserne assembled for roll call in the barracks yard at about 4:30 p.m. on 19 July. Three batteries of about 100 soldiers each stood in one part of the yard. Twelve 122-mm guns coupled to caterpillar tractors were lined up behind the batteries. At 5:30 p.m., the units were dismissed and the guns driven back into the sheds. At 5:45 p.m., a general with a retinue of officers left the barracks installation toward Doeberitz in a bus. (1) Troops drilled with six 122-mm guns on 20 July. Trucks [redacted] entered or left the installation. (2)

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13. An undetermined number of trucks and caterpillar tractors with trailers were seen driving into the southern section of the Delius Kaserne on 20 July. The trailers were loaded with billeting equipment. (3)

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14. On 22 July, low wooden sheds were set up in three excavations at the southeastern corner of the Hohenlohe Kaserne. The roofs of the sheds were camouflaged with a layer of earth.

15. On 23 July, the Ludendorff Kaserne quartered about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 500 of these troops were drilling in groups of from 15 to 20 men. Two 37-mm AA guns were parked at the garage on the east side of the installation.

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16. The requisitioned houses at 4-6 Hessestrasse were returned to their German owners on 18 July. A Soviet hotel was being established in the newly confiscated houses at 9-12 Weinmeisterstrasse, and was being surrounded by a board fence. (7)

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Comments.

- (1) The information in paragraph 1 and 12 [redacted] agrees, 25X1

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- 25X1 (2) The information contained in paragraphs 1, 4, 9 and 12
 25X1 previous report [redacted] definitely refutes a 25X1
 25X1 artillery unit from the Delius Kaserne departed by road on
 19 July 1951. [redacted]
- 25X1 (3) The information in paragraphs 2, 3 and 13, [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] confirms that elements of the artillery unit of the
 unidentified artillery division in Potsdam were transferred from
 Wildpark-West to the southern section of the Delius Kaserne. The
 bulk of the unit is still at Altengrabow, as is confirmed by the
 information in paragraph 3. It is undetermined whether all artillery
 troops, including the division headquarters, will move from Wild-
 park to the Delius Kaserne. The engineer regiment of the GOFG
 which was previously located in the southern section of the Delius
 Kaserne was confirmed in the barracks installation on Ilber-
 stetterstrasse, Bernburg, on 28 July 1951. [redacted]
- 25X1 (4) The cantonment was vacated and disassembled when the engineer
 regiment was reassigned to the Bernburg post.
- 25X1 (5) The Hohenlohe Kaserne and the Ludendorff Kaserne are occupied
 primarily by elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div. Troops of the
 division left Potsdam for the Wustrow AAA range on five trains
 between 5 and 25 July 1951. [redacted] According
 to the information [redacted] in the present report, it 25X1
 seems as if about half of the divisional components remained at
 the post.
- 25X1 (6) [redacted] reported on 9 July 1951 that the installation
 would be vacated. [redacted] Confirmatory information
 has not been received.
- 25X1 (7) Compare with a report of 1 June 1951 [redacted] on the 25X1
 evacuation of houses on Hessestrasse for the establishment of a
 Soviet hotel. However, this previous report mentioned only
 houses No 5 and 6 instead of 4-6. [redacted] A
 25X1 restricted area was previously reported on Grosse Weinmeisterstrasse
 and Kleine Weinmeisterstrasse, however, no specific information
 was supplied as to which houses in the restricted area were
 actually requisitioned by the Soviets.

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